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In Re:

MICHAEL SEAN RAGIEL,

Debtor.

Case No.: 23-12965/CMG

Chapter 11

Judge: Hon. Christine M. Gravelle

PLAN OF REORGANIZATION FILED BY MICHAEL SEAN RAGIEL

Debtor/Plan Proponent respectfully submits his Plan of Reorganization pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 11 of the United States Code, in the form annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

By: <u>/s/ Michael Sean Raiel</u>
Michael Sean Ragiel

September 26, 2023

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I – INTRODUCTION

Michael Sean Ragiel, (hereinafter referred to as the "Debtor") is the debtor in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. On April 10, 2023 (the "Petition Date") the Debtor commenced a bankruptcy case by filing a voluntary Chapter 11 petition under the United States Bankruptcy Code ("Code"), 11 U.S.C. §101, et seq. Sent to you in the same envelope as this document is the Disclosure Statement (hereafter referred to as the "Disclosure Statement") which has been approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court"), and which is provided to help you understand the Plan.

This is a plan of liquidation. In other words, the Proponent seeks to accomplish payments under the Plan by reorganizing his payments to secured creditors by curing post and prepetition arrears and paying the secured portion of the amounts owed to Branch Banking and Trust Company, as successor to Susquehanna Bank ("BB&T"). The Effective Date of the proposed Plan is 30 days after entry of an Order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan.

II - CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

A. GENERAL OVERVIEW. As required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan classifies claims and interests in various classes according to their right to priority of payments as provided in the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan states whether each class of claims or interests is impaired or unimpaired. The Plan provides the treatment each class will receive under the Plan.

B. DEFINITIONS.

Scope of Definitions. For purposes of this Plan and the Disclosure Statement, except as expressly otherwise provided or unless the context otherwise requires, all capitalized terms not

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otherwise defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in this Section of the Plan. In all references herein to any parties, persons, entities, or corporations, the use of any particular gender or the plural or singular number is intended to include the appropriate gender or number as the text may require.

- 1. Administrative Expense shall mean any cost or expense of administration of the Chapter 11 case allowable under Section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, any actual and necessary expenses of preserving the estate of the Debtor, any actual and necessary expense of operating the business of the Debtor, any indebtedness or obligation incurred or assumed by the Debtor in connection with the conduct of its business or for the acquisition or lease of property or the rendition of services to the Debtor, all allowances of compensation and reimbursement of expenses, any fees or charges assessed against the estate of any Debtor under Chapter 123, Title 28, of the United States Code, and the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Proponent in connection with the proposal and confirmation of this Plan.
- 2. Allowed when used as an adjective preceding the words "Claims" or "Equity Interest", shall mean any Claim against or Equity Interests of the Debtor, proof of which was filed on or before the date designated by the Bankruptcy Court as the last date for filing proofs of claim or Equity Interest against such Debtor, or, if no proof of claim or Equity Interest is filed, which has been or hereafter is listed by the Debtor as liquidated in amount and not disputed or contingent and, in either case, a Claim as to which no objection to the allowance thereof has been interposed with the applicable period of limitations fixed by the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Local Rules, or as to which any objection has been interposed and such Claim has been allowed in

- whole or in part by a Final Order. Unless otherwise specified in the Plan, "Allowed Claim" and "Allowed Equity Interest" shall not, for purposes of computation of distributions under the Plan, include interest on the amount of such Claim or Equity Interest from and after the Petition Date.
- 3. **Allowed Administrative Expense** shall mean any Administrative Expense allowed under Section 507(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. **Allowed Unsecured Claim** shall mean an Unsecured Claim that is or has become an Allowed Claim.
- 5. **Bankruptcy Code** shall mean the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, as amended, and as codified in Title 11 of the United States Code.
- 6. **Bankruptcy Court** shall mean the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey having jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Case and, to the extent of any reference made pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 158, the unit of such District Court constituted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 151.
- 7. **Bankruptcy Rules** shall mean the rules and forms of practice and procedure in bankruptcy, promulgated under 28 U.S.C. Section 2075 and also referred to as the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.
- 8. **Business Day** means and refers to any day except Saturday, Sunday, and any other day on which commercial banks in New Jersey are authorized by law to close.
- 9. **Chapter 11 Case** shall mean the above-captioned case under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 10. Claim shall mean any right to payment from the Debtor whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured,

disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right of payment from the Debtor whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured. All claims as such term is defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 11. **Class** shall mean a grouping of substantially similar Claims or Equity Interests for common treatment thereof pursuant to the terms of this Plan.
- 12. **Code** shall mean Title 11 of the United States Code, otherwise known as the Bankruptcy Code.
- 13. **Confirmation** shall mean the entry of an Order by this Court approving the Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. **Confirmation Hearing** shall mean a hearing conducted before the Bankruptcy Court for the purpose of considering confirmation of the Plan.
- 15. **Confirmation Order** shall mean an Order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 16. **Creditor** shall mean any person that has a Claim against the Debtor that arose on or before the Petition Date or a Claim against the Debtor's estate of any kind specified in section 502(g), 502(h) or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code. This includes all persons, corporations, partnerships, or business entities holding claims against the Debtor.
- 17. **Debt** means, refers to and shall have the same meaning ascribed to it in Section 101(12) of the Code.
- 18. **Debtor** shall mean Michael Sean Ragiel.

- 19. **Disbursing Agent** shall mean the Debtor, its counsel, or any party appointed by and subject to Court approval, which shall effectuate this Plan and hold and distribute consideration to be distributed to holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Equity Interests pursuant to the provisions of the Plan and Confirmation Order.
- 20. **Disclosure Statement** means and refers to the Disclosure Statement filed by the Debtor as required pursuant to Section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 21. **Effective Date** shall mean 30 days after the Confirmation Order becomes a Final Order.
- 22. **Equity Interest Holder** shall mean the holder of an equity interest in the Debtor.
- 23. **Equity Interest** shall mean: (a) if the Debtor is a corporation, the capital stock issued or to be issued, by the Debtor; (b) if the Debtor is partnership, the partnership interests owned by the partners; (c) if the Debtor is a limited liability company, the membership interests owned by the members; and (d) if the Debtor is an individual natural person(s), the ownership rights to the assets owned by such individual(s).
- 24. **Final Order** shall mean an order of the Bankruptcy Court or a court of competent jurisdiction to hear appeals from the Bankruptcy Court which, not having been reversed, modified, or amended, and not being stayed, and the time to appeal from which or to seek review or rehearing of which having expired, has become final and is in full force and effect.
- 25. **Impaired** when used as an adjective preceding the words "Class of Claims" or "Class of Equity Interest", shall mean that the Plan alters the legal, equitable, or contractual rights of the member of that class.

- 26. **Person** shall mean an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint stock company, a joint venture, an estate, a trust, an unincorporated organization, or a government or any political subdivision thereof or other entity.
- 27. **Petition Date** shall mean the date on which the Debtor filed this petition for relief commencing the Chapter 11 Case.
- 28. **Plan** shall mean this Plan filed in these Proceedings, together with any additional modifications and amendments.
- 29. **Priority Non-Tax Claim** shall mean a Claim entitled to priority under sections 507(a)(2),(3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of the Bankruptcy Code, but only to the extent it is entitled to priority in payment under any such subsection.
- 30. **Priority Tax Creditor** shall mean a Creditor holding a priority tax claim.
- 31. **Priority Tax Claim** shall mean any Claim entitled to priority in payment under section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code, but only to the extent it is entitled to priority under such subsection.
- 32. **Proceedings** shall mean the Chapter 11 Case of the Debtor.
- 33. **Professional Persons** means and refers to all attorneys, accountants, appraisers, consultants, and other professionals retained or to be compensated pursuant to an Order of the Court entered under Sections 327, 328, 330, or 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 34. **Professional Claim** means and refers to a claim by any and all professionals as provided for in Sections 327, 328, 330 and 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 35. **Property** shall mean real property known as 198 Deer Haven Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921.
- 36. **Proponent** means the Debtor.

- 37. **Reorganized Debtor** means the Debtor after confirmation of the Plan.
- 38. **Secured Claim** means and refers to a Claim which is secured by a valid lien, security interest, or other interest in property in which the Debtor has an interest which has been perfected properly as required by applicable law, but only to the extent of the value of the Debtor's interest in such property, determined in accordance with Section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 39. Unsecured Claim shall mean any Claim against the Debtor which arose, or which is deemed by the Bankruptcy Code to have arisen, prior to the Petition Date for such Debtor, and which is not: (i) a secured claim pursuant to Section 506 of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1111(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; or (ii) a Claim entitled to priority under sections 503 or 507 of the Bankruptcy Code. "Unsecured Claim" shall include all Claims against the Debtor that are not expressly otherwise dealt with in the Plan.
- 40. **Other Definitions,** a term used and not defined herein but that is defined in the Bankruptcy Code shall have the meaning set forth therein. The words "herein", "hereof", "hereto, hereunder", and others of similar import refer to the Plan as a whole and not to any particular section, subsection, or clause contained in the Plan. Moreover, some terms defined herein are defined in the section in which they are used.
- C. UNCLASSIFIED CLAIMS. Certain types of claims are not placed into voting classes; instead they are unclassified. They are not considered impaired and they do not vote on the Plan because they are automatically entitled to specific treatment provided for them in the Bankruptcy Code. As such, the Proponent has not placed the following claims in a class. The treatment of these claims is provided below.

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- 1. Administrative Expenses and Fees. Administrative expenses are claims for costs or expenses of administering the Debtor's Chapter 11 case which are allowed under Code Section 503(b). Fees payable to the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and the Office of the United States Trustee were also incurred during the Chapter 11 Case. The Code requires that all administrative expenses be paid on the Effective Date of the Plan unless a particular claimant agrees to a different treatment. Court Approval of Professional Compensation and Expenses Required: The Court must approve all professional compensation and expenses. Each professional person requesting compensation in the case pursuant to Sections 327, 328, 330, 331, 503(b) or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code shall file an application for allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses not later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date. Nothing herein shall prohibit each professional person from requesting interim compensation during the course of this case pending Confirmation of this Plan. No motion or application is required to fix fees payable to the Clerk's Office or the Office of the United States Trustee, as those fees are determined by statute.
- 2. **Priority Tax Claims.** Priority tax claims are certain unsecured income, employment and other taxes described by Code Section 507(a)(8). The Code requires that each holder of such a Section 507(a)(8) priority tax claim receive on account of such claim regular installment payments in cash—
 - (i) of a total value, as of the effective date of the plan, equal to the allowed amount of such claim;
 - (ii) over a period ending not later than 5 years after the date of the order for relief under section 301, 302, or 303 of the Bankruptcy Code; and

(iii) in a manner not less favorable than the most favored nonpriority unsecured claim provided for by the plan (other than cash payments made to a class of creditors under section 1122 (b) of the Bankruptcy Code).

The following chart lists all of the Debtors' Section 507(a)(8) priority tax claims and their treatment under the Plan:

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT OWED	TREATMENT
Internal Revenue Service	\$0.00	N/A
State of New Jersey Division of Taxation	\$0.00	N/A

D. CLASSIFIED CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

1. Classes of Secured Claims. Secured claims are claims secured by liens on property of the estate. The following represent all classes containing Debtor's secured pre-petition claims and their treatment under this Plan:

CLASS #	DESCRIPTION	INSIDERS	IMPAIRED	TREATMENT
1	Secured Claim of	No	Yes	The Debtor proposes to cure
	Santander Bank, N.A.			prepetition arrears by making
	("Santander Bank")			84 monthly payments on this
	secured by first			claim in the amount of
	mortgage on real			\$2,033.06. This figure
	property owned by			includes the monthly base
	Debtor commonly			mortgage payment as well as
	known as 198 Deer			the cure portion at 7.74%
	Haven Rd.,			interest pursuant to the
	Bedminster, New			Santander Bank proof of
	Jersey filed as Claim			claim. The Debtor values
	number 5-1 on the			collateral at \$535,000. The
	Claims Register of			holder of the Claim in this
	the Court in the			Class shall retain its

amount of \$210,053.	03		prepetition lien, and all rights of the holder of the Claim in this Class, to the extent not inconsistent with the Plan shall remain as set forth in the prepetition loan documents and as provided by applicable nonbankruptcy law. In the event of default the Debtor shall have a 30-day grace period to cure. If no cure is made the Debtor shall market and sell the Property within 9 months.
Servicing ("NewRez by second on real pro owned by commonly 198 Deer Bedminste	LLC d/b/a t Mortgage z") secured mortgage operty Debtor y known as Haven Rd., er, New ed as Claim -1 on the egister of in the f 19 (the	Yes	The Debtor proposes to cure prepetition arrears by making 84 monthly payments on this claim in the amount of \$1,578.38. This figure includes the monthly base mortgage payment as well as the prepetition arrearage as stated in the NewRez Proof of Claim of 3,788.85 which will be paid in a monthly cure payment of \$52.67 at 4.5% per year interest. The Debtor values collateral at \$535,000. The holder of the Claim in this Class shall retain its prepetition lien, and all rights of the holder of the Claim in this Class, to the extent not inconsistent with the Plan shall remain as set forth in the prepetition loan documents and as provided by applicable nonbankruptcy law. In the event of default the Debtor shall have a 30-day grace period to cure. If no cure is made the Debtor

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 $^{^1\}mathrm{This}$ claim was initially filed by LoanCare and transferred from LoanCare to NewRez on or around September 6, 2023.

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				shall market and sell the Property within 9 months.
3	Secured obligation to Branch Banking and Trust Company, as successor to Susquehanna Bank ("BB&T") secured by a third mortgage on real property owned by Debtor commonly known as 198 Deer Haven Rd., Bedminster, New Jersey	No	Yes	Neither BB&T nor the Small Business Administration has filed a proof of claim and the exact amount owed is unknown, but the Debtor knows the amount is greater than the value of the Debtor's Property, less the senior Claims of Santander and NewRez. The claim of this creditor is subject to the mortgage held by the SBA. This claim shall be bifurcated in to secured and unsecured pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 506(a) and (d), its lien partially avoided, and the mortgage partially unsecured. The Debtor proposes to make 84 payments on the secured portion of this obligation at 4% annual interest in the amount of \$51,180.31, which yields \$609.29 each month. Upon payment in full of the \$51,180.31, the mortgage securing the Secured Claim in this Class shall be cancelled and of no further force or effect. The Debtor is authorized to file a discharge of mortgage to discharge the mortgage of record.

2. Classes of Priority Non-Tax Claims. Certain priority non-tax claims that are referred to in Code Sections 507(a)(3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) are entitled to priority treatment. These claims are to be treated as follows:

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3. Classes of General Unsecured Claims. General unsecured claims are unsecured claims not entitled to priority under Code Section 507(a). These claims are to be treated as follows:

CLASS#	DESCRIPTION	IMPAIRED	TREATMENT
4	General unsecured claims in the amount of \$1,421,094.41	YES	The amount of Claims in this Class are estimated as no proof of claim has been filed by BB&T or the SBA. The Claims in this Class shall receive nothing.

4. Class(es) of Equity Interest Holders. The members of this class will be treated as follows:

CLASS#	DESCRIPTION	IMPAIRED	TREATMENT
		(Y/N)	
5	Member interests	No	This Class shall retain ownership of its equity interests in the Debtor.

E. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF PLAN. Each impaired class of Creditors with claims against the Debtor's estate shall be entitled to vote separately to accept or reject the Plan. A class of Creditors shall have accepted the Plan if the Plan is accepted by at least two-thirds in the aggregate dollar amount and more than one-half in number of holders of the allowed Claims of such class that have accepted or rejected the Plan. In the event that any impaired class of Creditors or Interest holders shall fail to accept the Plan in accordance with Section 1129(a) of

the Bankruptcy Code, the Proponent reserves the right to request that the Bankruptcy Court confirm the Plan in accordance with Section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

F. MEANS OF EFFECTUATING THE PLAN.

1. Funding for the Plan. The Debtor shall market and sell the Property. The sale of the Property shall provide funds needed to pay creditors under the Plan. The sale to a prospective buyer shall be subject to approval of the Bankruptcy Court upon motion filed pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code. The sale shall be free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, with valid liens to attach to the proceeds of sale, and any outstanding real property taxes or municipal assessments, and the Secured Claim of M&T Bank, shall be paid at closing from the proceeds of sale, and the Confirmation Order shall expressly so provide. In the event the Foreclosure Action is permitted to continue, M&T creditors shall be paid from the proceeds of the sheriff sale in accordance with their respective priorities.

Post-Confirmation Management. The management of the Reorganized Debtor shall the Debtor.

3. **Disbursing Agent**. The Debtor's attorney shall act as the disbursing agent for the purpose of making the distributions under the Plan. The Disbursing Agent shall post no bond and shall receive compensation for distribution services rendered and expenses incurred pursuant to the Plan at its normal hourly rates.

III - TREATMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A. EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES.

1. Assumptions. The following are the unexpired leases and executory contracts to be assumed as obligations of the reorganized Debtor under this Plan: None.

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2. Rejections. On the Effective Date, all executory contracts not assumed shall be deemed to be rejected. The order confirming the Plan shall constitute an order approving the rejection of the lease or contract. If you are a party to a contract or lease to be rejected and you object to the rejection of your contract or lease, you must file and serve your objection to the Plan within the deadline for objecting to the confirmation of the Plan. See Disclosure Statement for the specific date. THE BAR DATE FOR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM BASED ON A CLAIM ARISING FROM THE REJECTION OF A LEASE OR CONTRACT IS UP TO AND **INCLUDING SIXTY** (60)**DAYS FOLLOWING** THE **ENTRY OF** THE CONFIRMATION ORDER. Any claim based on the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease will be barred if the proof of claim is not timely filed unless the Court later orders otherwise.

B. CHANGES IN RATES SUBJECT TO REGULATORY COMMISSION APPROVAL.

This Debtor is not subject to governmental regulatory commission approval of its rates.

C. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this case pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, pending the final allowance or disallowance of all Claims affected by the Plan, and to make such orders as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Plan. In addition, the Court shall retain jurisdiction to implement the provisions of the Plan in the manner as provided under Section 1142, subparagraphs (a) and (b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Court abstains from exercising, or declines to exercise jurisdiction, or is otherwise without jurisdiction over any matter set forth in this Section, or if the Debtor or the reorganized debtor elect to bring an action or proceeding in any other forum, then this Section shall have no effect upon and shall not control, prohibit or limit

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the exercise of jurisdiction by any other court, public authority or commission having competent

jurisdiction over such matters.

D. PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING CONTESTED CLAIMS. Objections to Claims and

interests, except for those Claims more specifically deemed Allowed in the Plan, may be filed by

the reorganized debtor or any party in interest up to and including sixty (60) days following the

entry of the Confirmation Order. With respect to disputed Claims or interests, the Disbursing

Agent will hold in a separate interest-bearing reserve account such funds as would be necessary

in order to make the required distribution on the Claim or interest, as listed either in the Debtor's

schedules or the filed proof(s) of claim.

E. NOTICES UNDER THE PLAN. All notices, requests or demands with respect to this Plan

shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been received within five (5) days of the date of

mailing, provided they are sent by registered mail or certified mail, postage prepaid, return

receipt requested, and if sent to the Proponent, addressed to:

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IV - EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF PLAN

A. DISCHARGE. Upon confirmation of the Plan, Debtor shall not be discharged of liability for

payment of debts incurred before Confirmation, as specified in 11 U.S.C.§ 1141. Because the

Debtor is an individual and not a corporation or other form of entity, the Debtor will not be

entitled to a discharge until all payments to creditors under the Plan have been made. If

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Confirmation of this Plan does not occur, the Plan shall be deemed null and void. In such event, nothing contained in this Plan shall be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any claims against the Debtor or its estate or any other persons, or to prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtor or its estate or any person in any further proceeding involving the Debtor or its estate. The provisions of this Plan shall be binding upon Debtor, all Creditors and all Equity Interest Holders, regardless of whether such Claims or Equity Interest Holders are impaired or whether such parties accept this Plan, upon Confirmation thereof.

B. REVESTING OF PROPERTY IN THE DEBTOR. Except as provided in Section IV.D. hereinafter, and except as provided elsewhere in the Plan, the Confirmation revests all of the property of the estate in the Debtor, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

C. MODIFICATION OF PLAN. The Proponent of the Plan may modify the Plan at any time before Confirmation. The Court may require a new disclosure statement or revoting on the Plan, however, if the Proponent modifies the Plan before Confirmation. The Proponent may also seek to modify the Plan at any time after Confirmation so long as (1) the Plan has not been substantially consummated and (2) the Court authorizes the proposed modification after notice and a hearing.

D. POST-CONFIRMATION CONVERSION/DISMISSAL. A creditor or party in interest may bring a motion to convert or dismiss the case under § 1112(b), after the Plan is confirmed, if there is a default in performing under the Plan. If the Court orders the case converted to Chapter 7 after the Plan is confirmed, then all property that had been property of the Chapter 11 estate, and that has not been disbursed pursuant to the Plan, will revest in the Chapter 7 estate, and the automatic stay will be reimposed upon the revested property only to the extent that relief from stay was not previously granted by the Court during this Proceeding.

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E. POST-CONFIRMATION QUARTERLY FEES. Quarterly fees pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1930 (a)(6) continue to be payable to the office of the United States trustee post-confirmation until such time as the case is converted, dismissed, or closed pursuant to a final decree.